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H. R. 753

To require a separate, unclassified statement of the aggregate amount of budget outlays for intelligence activities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. FARR of California, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. STARK, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. FILNER, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. NADLER, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. YATES, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. OLVER, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. PASTOR, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Intelligence Budget
5 Accountability Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

2 It is the purpose of this Act to require the publication
3 of the aggregate intelligence budget figure to provide a
4 more thorough accounting of Government expenditures as
5 required by article I, section 9, clause 7 of the Constitu-
6 tion.

7 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

8 The Congress finds that—

9 (1) article I, section 9, clause 7 of the Constitu-
10 tion states that “No Money shall be drawn from the
11 Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations
12 made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account
13 of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public
14 Money shall be published from time to time.”;

15 (2) during the Cold War the United States did
16 not provide to the American people a “regular State-
17 ment and Account of the . . . Expenditures” for
18 intelligence activities;

19 (3) the failure to provide to the American peo-
20 ple a statement of the total amount of expenditures
21 on intelligence activities prevents them from partici-
22 pating in an informed, democratic decision concern-
23 ing the appropriate level for such expenditures; and

24 (4) the Report of the Commission on the Roles
25 and Capabilities of the United States Intelligence
26 Community recommended the disclosure of “the

1 total amount of money appropriated for intelligence
2 activities during the current fiscal year and the total
3 amount being requested for the next fiscal year”.

4 **SEC. 4. ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF**
5 **INTELLIGENCE EXPENDITURES FOR THE**
6 **PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR.**

7 Section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new
9 paragraph:

10 “(31) a separate, unclassified statement of the
11 appropriations and proposed appropriations for the
12 current fiscal year, and the amount of appropria-
13 tions requested for the fiscal year for which the
14 budget is submitted, for national and tactical intel-
15 ligence activities, including activities carried out
16 under the budget of the Department of Defense to
17 collect, analyze, produce, disseminate, or support the
18 collection of intelligence.”.

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